Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A catalytic converter, said converter comprising fibers, said fibers having a fiber surface, said converter comprising catalytic material, substantially all of said catalytic material being present on said fiber surface, characterized in that said fibers are present in said catalytic converter as discrete fibers.

2. (Currently amended) A catalytic converter as claimed in ~~claim1~~ claim 1, wherein said fibers consisting in m groups of fibers, for which m being equal or larger than two, said catalytic material consisting in n different catalytic compounds, for which m being equal or larger than n, wherein each of said m groups of fibers have at maximum one of said n catalytic compounds present on their fiber surface.

3. (Currently amended) A catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 1 to 2~~ claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said m groups of fibers has no catalytic compound present on their fiber surface.

4. (Currently amended) A catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claimed in claim 1, said catalytic converter comprising a canning having an inner volume, said fibers filling said inner volume, said fibers being unequally distributed over said volume.

5. (Currently amended) A catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claimed in claim 1, said catalytic converter comprising a canning having an inner volume, said fibers filling said inner volume, said fibers being equally distributed over said volume.

6. (Currently amended) A catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 2 to 3~~ claimed in claim 2, said catalytic converter comprising a canning having an inner volume, each of said m groups of fibers being present in only one discrete part of said volume.

7. (Currently amended) A catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 1 to 6~~ claimed in claim 1, wherein at least part of said fibers is formed by metal fibers.

8. (Currently amended) A catalytic converter as claimed in claim 7, wherein all of said fibers are metal fibers

9. (Currently amended) A method to provide a catalytic converter as ~~in one of the preceding claims~~ claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of
   - Providing at least one bundle of discrete fibers;
   - Coating said at least one of bundle of discrete fibers with catalytic material, so as to provide a bundle of coated discrete fibers;
   - Providing a canning having an inner volume;
   - Providing all said at least one bundle of discrete fibers in said volume.

10. (Currently amended) A method to provide a catalytic converter as claimed in claim 9, wherein at least m bundles of discrete fibers being provided, m being equal or larger than two, said catalytic material consisting of n different catalytic compounds, m being equal or larger than n, wherein each of said m bundles of discrete fibers is coated with at maximum one of said n catalytic compounds.

11. (Currently amended) A method to provide a catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 9 to 10~~ claimed in claim 9, wherein at least one of said m bundles of discrete fibers is not coated.

12. (Currently amended) A method to provide a catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 9 to 11~~ claimed in claim 9, wherein the said bundle of discrete fibers being provided equally distributed in said volume.

13. (Currently amended) A method to provide a catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 9 to 11~~ claimed in claim 9, wherein the said bundle of discrete fibers being provided unequally distributed in said volume.

14. (Currently amended) A method to provide a catalytic converter as ~~in one of the claims 9 to 10~~ claimed in claim 9, wherein each of said m bundles of discrete fibers being provided in only one discrete part of said volume.